

Blues Plan Indoor Track Meet--Bowlers on Backward Trail

TOBOGGAN ROUTE
MAKES BOWLERS
LOWER AVERAGE

Pinspillers Make Poorest
Showing of Season
During Past Week.

SANTA REQUESTED
TO MAKE PRESENTS

Big Bailey Wants Small Ball, as
His 300 Pounds Makes Him a
Weakling--Merchants' and
Times-Dispatch Leagues
Continue to Furnish Great
Sport for Fans.

BY WHIT WHITMAN.
The past week has been a most
peculiar one for the local bowlers, as
nearly all of them have hit the tobo-
gans and have come down in the aver-
age column.

This is the first time since the open-
ing of the Richmond Bowling Associa-
tion that the teams and players have
failed to make new records. A good
excuse is given, as all of the players
are thinking of Christmas. This has a
lot to do with them in making a good
showing.

This week's games will be the last
played until after the holidays, as a
great many of the players will be un-
able to report for duty, while some of
them will go home.

Players Expect Presents.
A great many of the players are
already asking dear Santa Claus to
send them nice little things. Follow-
ing are some of the requests:

Big Chief Bailey says: Dear Santa,—
Please send me a nice new little ball
with small finger holes, so I can make
a big score, as the one I have is too
heavy for me, and I am going to give
mine to Mr. Spilling.

Papa Sutherland says: Dear Santa
Claus,—Please send me a nice new
pair of bowling shoes, so I can roll
a big score for my team, as the next
time we play the Alcos I want to try
and help beat them.

Captain Delaney says: Dear Santa,—
Please send me one of them big balls,
like Whitman has, with whole lots of
hook in them, as the one I have some-
body has taken the hook out of it,
and it won't curve no more for me.

Deasy writes: Dear Santa,—Please
send me a nice little track so I can
lay it over the alleys, and make the
ball go straight to the head pin, and
knock it down.

Davis says: Dear Santa,—Don't for-
get your little boy, and please send me
a little bowling book so I can learn
how to make some big scores like the
other fellows.

Following are the individual stand-
ings of the players and teams:

Players.	Games.	Av.
Whitman	24	193-22
Wade	21	187-22
McFarland	24	187-11
Briggs	24	186-1
Blair	24	186-2
Spilling	24	185-9
Barrow	24	180-19
Williams	24	180-14
Thorpe	24	180-12
O'Brien	24	180-1
Handley	24	178-1
Bailey	21	177-12
Cosby	24	177-5
Chapin	21	177-1
Jennings	21	174
Cook	21	172-13
Bryant	24	172
Van Aman	24	170-7
McNeil	24	169-7
Beck	24	168-2
Hixby	15	167-10
Gallagher	24	167-8
Roberts	24	165-1
Bell	24	164-10
Glaze	24	164-3
Kennedy	21	163-12
Smith	24	163-7
Fitzgerald	18	162-1
Montague	15	161-12
Overman	24	160-5
Johnson	24	160-4
Davis	21	160-1
Curry	10	160-1
Deady	22	158-13
Perdie	17	157-10
Gordon	6	153
Lantry	24	152
Read	21	151-17
Booker	15	151-9
Holland	10	149-7
Roberts	12	148-7
Sellers	12	148-0
Billiey	10	146-0
G. Sutherland	6	145-4
Delaney	6	145-2
Fairbank	6	143-2
Sheld	6	141-1
Swaney	3	135
Goetz	3	132
Journal	3	130
Newport	6	130
Cities Printing Co.	6	130
Times-Dispatch	3	130

Clubs.	Wins.	Lost.	P.C.
Alcos	17	7	.709
Remingtons	14	7	.667
Virginians	14	10	.584
New Leaders	13	13	.500
Times-Dispatch	12	11	.520
Journal	9	12	.427
Cook Printing Co.	10	14	.416
Newports	3	21	.126

High Individual Average.	Games.	Wins.	Av.
Whitman	24	4,653	193-22

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Whitman	244
McFarland	243
Wade	240
Briggs	238
Blair	235
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WANT STATE GAME
COMMISSIONER

Audubon Society Will Ask Aid
of Legislature in Creating
This Office.

SOME ONE TO ENFORCE LAWS

Plenty of Restrictions, but No
Authoritative Head to Carry
Out Provisions.

The first directors' meeting since
the annual meeting of the Virginia
Audubon Society in November was
held in its rooms at 405 East Grace
Street at noon yesterday. Mrs. W. E.
Harris presided, and besides routine
business, such as reports of commit-
tees, etc., the policy of the coming
year as to what the society would
labor for was mapped out.

By a resolution offered by M. D.
Hart, the society declares itself in
hearty accord with the Game Protec-
tive Association of Virginia and will
assist this association in an effort
which will be made in the coming
Legislature to have a state game
commissioner appointed.

The legislative committee, composed
of Eugene C. Maesle, A. Sidney Buford,
Dana H. Rucker and M. D. Hart, was
instructed to request a conference
with the Virginia Game Protective
Association in order that the influence
and moral support of the society might
be used to the best advantage in se-
curing a state game commissioner. A
telegram was read from the secretary
of the National Audubon Society, T.
Gilbert Pearson, urging such action,
and donating \$100 to this particular
work.

Miss Katherine H. Stuart, school
secretary of the league, in the dis-
cussion of the present game laws,
strongly condemned the provision of
our non-resident law whereby thou-
sands of non-residents annually hunt
Virginia game fields without paying
a tax, which, with few exceptions, is
required of Virginians everywhere.

The secretary was instructed to for-
ward to Governor Mann a copy of a
resolution offered by Miss Stuart re-
questing him in his annual message to
ask the special attention of the leg-
islature to the game conditions and
ask them to provide for a state game
commissioner.

The legislative committee was also
instructed to draft a law which will
protect the robin at all times in this
State, to be presented for enactment
at the next session of the Legislature;
and no anxious in the society for the
passage of this measure that it will
be the only purely Audubon legisla-
tion asked for, though the society will
aid the game people in getting the
State commissioner.

Major L. T. Christian, secretary of
the Game Protective Association of
Virginia, said his association would,
in asking for a state game commis-
sioner, disturb as little as possible
existing game laws and that much of
the game trouble was not caused by
the lack of laws to prevent, but be-
cause there was no one whose duty it
was to see them enforced.

Miss Katherine H. Stuart, in addition to
her duties as secretary of the Virginia
Audubon Society, was made its pres-
ident and instructed to send to the
newspapers items of interest about the
Audubon work in Virginia.

MICKEY O'NEIL
WANTS TO FIGHT

Former Richmond Lad Anxious
to Meet Some 133-Pounder
in This Section.

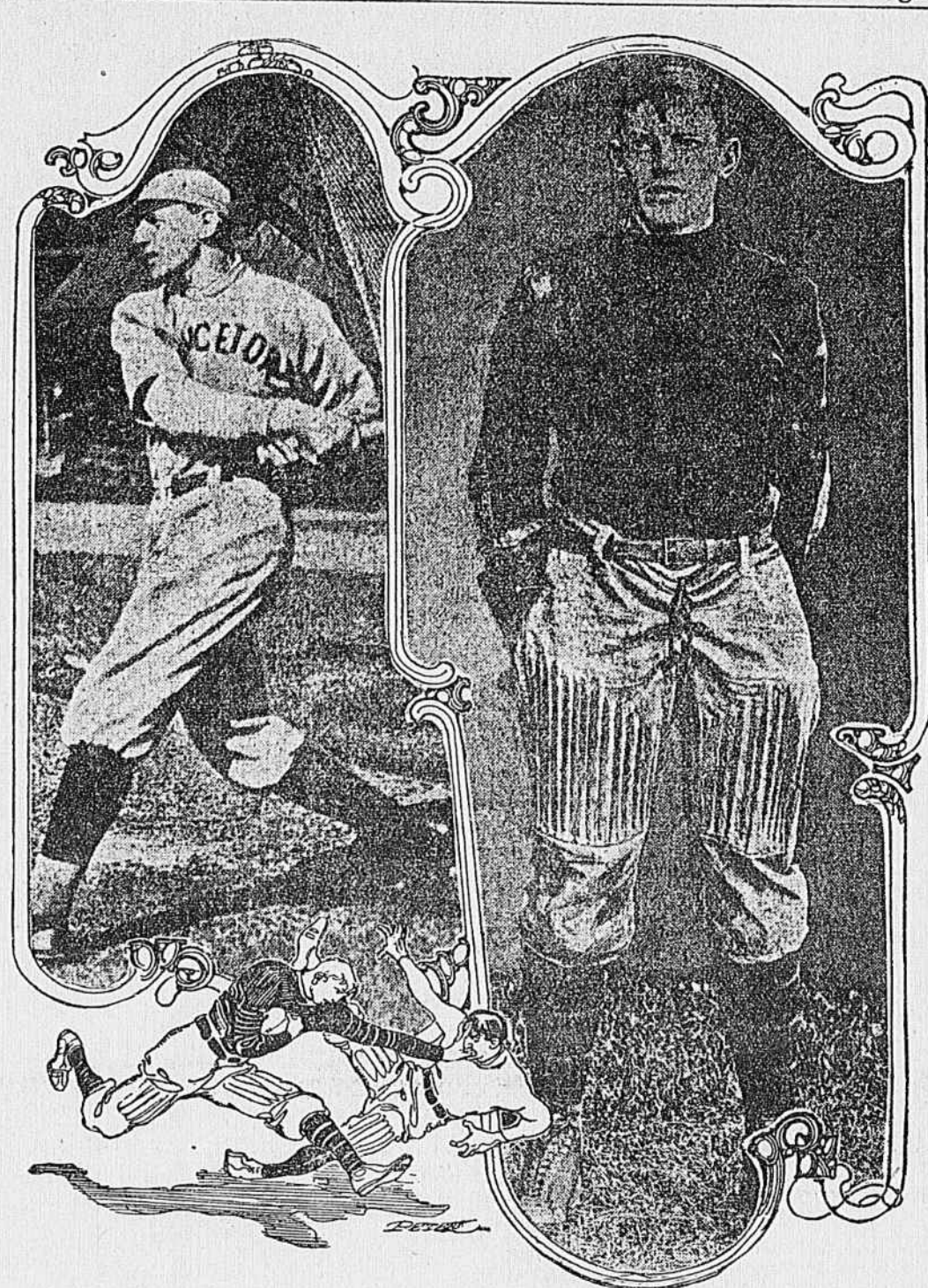
Mickey O'Neil, who once upon a time
called this good town home, but who
is now a member of Company G,
Twenty-seventh Infantry, located at
Fort Sheridan, Ill., is out in a chal-
lenge to any of the 133-pounders in
the East. His manager writes that the
lad has been making quite a reputa-
tion for himself in the Western coun-
try, and that he is anxious to get
back home and mix it with the best
this section can produce. The letter
from his manager, C. A. Weaver, fol-
lows:

Sporting Editor, Times-Dispatch,—I
am sending you a photograph of
Mickey O'Neil, a former Richmond
boy, who has been making good in this
section of the country. He has won
five straight bouts by the knockout
route, and would like to be matched
with some of the Eastern boys of or-
derly weight.

In his past fights he has beaten Jack
Parry, welterweight champion of Fifth
United States Field Artillery, scoring
a knockout in four rounds. He put
Young Moran to sleep in two rounds
via the same route. Joe Rossi, another
husky, went to dreamland in one
round. Kid Staley managed to stick
seven rounds before he bit the dust.
Young Landers, after five rounds of
fast milling, also succumbed to the
Virginian.

Staley, defeated by Mickey in seven
rounds, held the lightweight cham-
pionship of Cuba and has beaten some
good men. O'Neil fights at 133 pounds,
ringside, and can make 130. He holds
the championship of his regiment, and
has beaten some of the best men in
the army. I will match him with any
boy in the game at his weight, and
will post a forfeit for weight and ap-
pearance. I will be greatly indebted
to you if you will print the picture
and challenge in your paper. Address
all communications to C. A. Weaver,
Company G, Twenty-seventh Infantry,
Fort Sheridan, Ill.
(Signed) C. A. WEAVER.

Sandford B. White---"Sammy"---in Baseball and Football Togs



The hero of Princeton's victories over Harvard and Yale on the gridiron this year is also a top-notch baseball player, holding down the position of shortstop on the Tiger varsity nine.

BOARD OF ARBITRATION GAVE
POSITIVE STATEMENT OF CASE

No Chance to Misunderstand Decision Reached in Virginia League
Squabble—Official Announcement Reprinted for Benefit of Those
Who Failed to Read It—Possibility of Reaching Amicable
Agreement—Some Expressions by Those Composing
Highest Court of Appeals in Minor
League Baseball.

BY GUS MALBERT.

"In the matter of the appeal of the
Virginia League as to the election of
a president it is held that, according
to the constitution and minutes of
the various meetings of the Virginia
League, an election of president for
the ensuing year (1912) has not been
held."

As there appears to be some doubt
regarding the decision of the National
Board of Arbitration in the appeal of
the Virginia League, the above opin-
ion is given again. It first appeared
in The Times-Dispatch on last Thurs-
day morning, the morning after it was
delivered by the tribunal which had
heard the evidence in the case. It was
given out by Chairman J. H. Farrell,
and is official and final.

The opinion is couched in such plain
terms that any one can understand it,
and yet there be those who are seem-
ingly in doubt regarding just what the
board decided. The decision was handed
to the scribes who were present, and
was written so plainly that the task of
copying it was made easy. No date
was set by the board as to when the
Virginia League should hold a meet-
ing for the election of a president.
Not naming such a date left that mat-
ter in the hands of the man now
presiding. It can be held to-morrow
or it can be held any time after Janu-
ary 1. It can be held in Richmond
or it can be held in Kankakee, so far
as the board is concerned.

What Farrell Said.

Chairman J. H. Farrell, before the
decision was rendered, was asked by
the writer whether the board would
suggest to the league that a new
president be elected. To this ques-
tion he replied that it would not. The
following dialogue then ensued:

"It is within the province of your
body to instruct the Virginia League
whom it should name as president."
"Certainly."
"Without committing the board, do
you think that it will do this?"
"I do not."
"Presuming that the board will
send the entire matter back and tell
the Virginia League to elect, do you
think that your body will in any way

say when an election should be held
or in what manner such election
should be held?"

"I think that the election should be
held as soon as possible, presuming
that another election will be neces-
sary. But I do not think that the
board should instruct about anything,
except that each of the clubs should
be personally represented. Our duty
is merely to determine whether or
not an election has been held. Of

course, if charges are preferred
against any one in the Virginia Le-
gue, this body would hear them."

The conversation with Mr. Farrell,
occurred on Tuesday night, December
12, just after Mr. Farrell had retired
from the meeting of the board and
while he was sitting in the lobby of
the Imperial Hotel, New York City.

"Tip" O'Neil Has His Say.

Shortly thereafter, Norris L. O'Neil,
who is known among his friends as
"Tip," while standing out in front of
the same hotel, was asked practically
the same questions and gave the same
answers. Tim Murnane, one of the
best known sporting writers in the
country, and probably the dean of
baseball writers, while having his
dinner, was pitted with the same inter-
rogations. He was more direct in his
answers and gave them without hesi-
tancy, but each of his replies was
corroborative of what his colleagues
had said.

Cal Ewing, owner of the San Fran-
cisco club, made no bones of declar-
ing his intention to vote that no elec-
tion had been held. Dr. Frank R.
Carson was the same way about it.
James H. O'Rourke, the man who was
supposed to be in favor of letting the
election of November 6, stand, quick-
ly disproved this theory by advancing
his own theory that no election had
been held, and that the life of minor
league baseball was the spirit of fair-
ness which the magnates usually
showed and should show in the future.
M. E. Justice, one of the finest men in
baseball, stated to the writer that
while he was not permitted to give
the views of the board, he did not
mind telling just what he thought. He
was emphatically in favor of allow-
ing William to continue, despite the
meeting of November 6.

No Dissenting Voices.

The individual expressions of the
men composing the national board are
here given simply for the purpose of
showing just how unanimous was the
opinion of that body. Many of these
expressions were heard by H. B.
Priehard, of Petersburg. The opinion
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WILL ESTABLISH
BREEDING BUREAU

Permanent Organization Soon to
Be Formed for Improvement
of Horse Conditions.

STATE AID IS PROBABLE

Three Stallions Already Secured,
and Many More Now
Being Sought.

Definite steps have been taken to-
ward the establishment of a breeding
bureau in the State of Virginia. While
no permanent organization has been
formed as yet, and while many of the
details remain yet to be worked out,
the fact remains that three stallions
of known reputation and whose gets
have occupied prominent places in the
racing world, have been secured and
one, at least, has been stationed
J. W. Graves, Allen Potts and Minor
Lewis, forming a committee, with
power to act, have been at work on
the scheme for many months. J. W.
Graves has returned from a trip
in the interest of the bureau, and he
reports greater progress than he had
anticipated. He was met with a help-
ing hand in all sections visited. It
is probable that the help of the Legis-
lature will be asked in order to further
the work in the interest of the horse.

The object of the bureau will be
to improve the grade of horses bred
in Virginia, with particular attention
to thoroughbreds and high grade an-
imals. The studs will be located at
convenient points, throughout the
State, and only a nominal fee will
be charged, about \$10. The value of
such a bureau is obvious. Heretofore,
the farmer, or breeder of horses, un-
less possessed of great wealth, was
unable to breed horses of the better
class. The fees charged were too
great. As a result the State has be-
come overrun with stock of an in-
ferior grade, so that Virginia, instead
of occupying her former high place
as the home of the thoroughbred, has
dropped down in the scale as a breed-